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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
U.S. SALT DELEGATION
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DATE: December 19, 1972

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Swiss Reception, Geneva

SUBJECT: Biographic Information

PARTICIPANTS: US

USSR

Col C.G. FitzGerald

Gen Lt I.I. Beletsky
Col V.P. Starodubov
(Part-time)

During the Swiss-hosted reception for the two SALT Delegations, Gen Beletsky provided the following biographic data on himself and others.

Gen Beletsky. Graduated from an unidentified Uchilishche (OCS) in 1941. He is also a graduate of Frunze Academy and the General Staff Academy. His unit in 1944 participated in the campaign into Rumania with the 4th Ukrainian Front and then was transferred to the 1st Belorussian Front for the campaign into Germany. He served with Soviet forces in Romania--apparently from 1955 to 1958. He did not identify his assignment, except to state that it involved training of both Soviet and Romanian troops. While not saying so directly he indicated that he was on the staff--perhaps Chief of Staff--of the Moscow Military District, during the 1960-63 period. (This indication was in the form of a statement that he had several times given out diplomas at the Moscow Combined Arms Uchilishche just as he had at the Leningrad First Artillery Uchilishche when he was Chief of Staff of the Leningrad Military District.) He has also served with Army General Petrov but did not indicate where or when. He did not state his present assignment but I believe it is on the General Staff because he said he knows Col Gen Kozlov very well and sees him often. Gen Beletsky is a firm advocate of helicopters and stated he uses them frequently, especially for training purposes. He often flies in large helicopter formations.

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Gen Beletsky has two daughters. The older graduated from Moscow University in 1972; the younger is presently in the final year of a Moscow institute. He does not play cards and is an avid reader.

(Comment: Based on Gen Trusov's comments on December 18, (A-114) and this conversation, I believe that Gen Trusov is assigned to the Ministry of Defense and the agency for new weapons headed by Gen Alekseyev, and that Gen Beletsky is on the General Staff--possibly in the Main Operations Directorate. He is apparently Gen Gryzlov's successor on the Delegation.)

Col Gen M. M. Kozlov

Gen Beletsky said Gen Kozlov is 54 years old. He did not disagree when I asked whether Gen Kozlov is busy in his job as Chief of the Main Operations Directorate. He merely said he is extremely busy and active in "the post."

Army General V. I. Petrov

Gen Petrov had been promoted to Army General, along with Col Gen of Engineer Troops Kharchenko (presumably these two promotions were reported in the press along with those of Air Marshals Pokryshkin and Borzov which were reported in the Herald Tribune) Gen Petrov is 52 according to Gen Beletsky.

Army General Kurochkin

He is fully retired and in poor health according to Gen Beletsky.

Col Gen Radzievsky

He is still Commandant of Frunze Academy.

Gen Maior Voloshin (former CG of 2GMRD)

Gen Beletsky said he knows Gen Voloshin but has not seen him in several years.

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Col V.A. Kozhevnikov

Col Starodubov said Kozhevnikov is no longer assigned to the Ministry of Defense. He described him to Col Budantsev who does not know Kozhevnikov as "a real ladies man."

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